



*JFK*

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
)  
Kei HAYASAKI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1756  
)  
Application No.: 10/624,593 ) Examiner: Barreca, Nicole M.  
)  
Filed: July 23, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 7500  
)  
For: METHOD FOR FORMING A )  
PATTERN AND SUBSTRATE- )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits following the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on July 23, 2003, January 10, 2005, September 27, 2005, and August 18, 2006.

The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a Japanese Patent Office Action, mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on August 15, 2006 in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2002-215446, a copy of which is submitted. An English language translation of the Japanese Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed, together with unofficial, uncertified electronic English translations, obtained from the Japanese Patent Office website and provided for the Examiner's convenience, with the exception of WO 99/49504. The English-language abstract for WO 99/49504 can be found on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the document. A full English translation was not readily available to Applicants.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

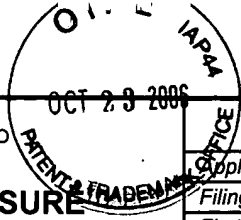
Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 23, 2006

By: 

David M. Longo  
Reg. No. 53,235



IDS Form PTO/SB/08: Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	10/624,593
				Filing Date	July 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Kei HAYASAKI
				Art Unit	1756
				Examiner Name	Barreca, Nicole M.
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	04329.3100

U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

**Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004**

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP 10-303114	11/13/1998			Yes
		JP 2002-323775	11/08/2002			Yes
		JP 2003-188070	07/04/2003			Yes
		JP 2003-282400	10/03/2003			Yes
		JP 2003-324063	11/14/2003			Yes
		WO 99/49504	09/30/1999			No

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Japanese Patent Office Action mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on August 15, 2006, for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2002-215446	Yes

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.